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**Subject to Completion**

**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated March 9, 2010**

**Prospectus Supplement**

(To Prospectus Dated April 17, 2008)

\$ % Senior Notes due 2020  
 \$ % Senior Notes due 2040

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2020 (the 2020 notes ) and \$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2040 (the 2040 notes ) and, together with the 2020 notes, the notes ). Interest on the notes will be payable in cash semiannually in arrears on and of each year, beginning , 2010. The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. We may redeem the notes, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at the redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement.

**Investing in the notes involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus supplement beginning on page S-5.**

	Per 2020 Note	Total	Per 2040 Note	Total
Public offering price (1)	%	\$	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Amgen	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from March , 2010, if settlement occurs after that date.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator for the Euroclear System, against payment in New York, New York on or about March , 2010.

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Barclays Capital**

**Morgan Stanley**

The date of this prospectus supplement is March , 2010.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of our offering of the notes. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information, some of which may not be applicable to this offering. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include important information about us, the notes and other information you should know before investing. This prospectus supplement also adds, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. Before purchasing the notes, you should carefully read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information about us described under "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus.

**You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in any term sheet we authorize that supplements this prospectus supplement. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone other than us provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.**

Unless stated otherwise or unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus to Amgen, we, us and our refer to Amgen Inc., a company incorporated in Delaware, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our notes. You should read the entire prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus carefully, including Risk Factors and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes, other financial information and other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, before you decide to invest in our notes.*

**Amgen Inc.**

We are a global biotechnology company that discovers, develops, manufactures and markets human therapeutics based on advances in cellular and molecular biology.

We were incorporated in California in 1980 and merged into a Delaware corporation in 1987. Our principal executive offices are located at One Amgen Center Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1799, and our telephone number is (805) 447-1000. Our website is located at [www.amgen.com](http://www.amgen.com). Information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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**The Offering**

The following is a brief summary of certain terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see Description of Notes in this prospectus supplement.

Notes Offered \$ in aggregate principal amount of notes, consisting of:

\$ aggregate principal amount of the 2020 notes; and

\$ aggregate principal amount of the 2040 notes.

Maturity Dates 2020 notes: , 2020  
 2040 notes: , 2040

Interest and Payment Dates 2020 notes: % per annum, payable semiannually in arrears in cash on and of each year, beginning , 2010.  
 2040 notes: % per annum, payable semiannually in arrears in cash on and of each year, beginning , 2010.

Change of Control Triggering Event In the event of a change of control triggering event, as defined herein, the holders may require us to purchase for cash all or a portion of their notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. See Description of Notes Change of Control Offer.

Ranking The notes will rank:

equal in right of payment to all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our senior credit facility, our 0.125% Convertible Senior Notes due 2011, our 0.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2013, our 4.85% Senior Notes due 2014, our 5.85% Senior Notes due 2017, our 6.15% Senior Notes due 2018, our 5.70% Senior Notes due 2019, our Zero Coupon Convertible Notes due 2032, our 6.375% Senior Notes due 2037, our 6.90% Senior Notes due 2038, our 6.40% Senior Notes due 2039 and our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2097;

senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated indebtedness; and

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effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our subsidiaries obligations (including secured and unsecured obligations) and subordinated in right of payment to our secured obligations, to the extent of the assets securing such obligations.

### Optional Redemption

We may redeem the notes, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price equal to the sum of (1) 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest and (2) a make-whole amount as described in this prospectus supplement.

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Covenants	The notes and related indenture do not contain any financial or other similar restrictive covenants. However, we will be subject to the covenants described under the caption Description of Notes.
Use of Proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$ after deducting discounts, commissions and our estimated expenses related to this offering. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements and repayment of our outstanding indebtedness, repurchases of shares of our common stock under our previously announced share repurchase program, and other business initiatives, including acquisitions and licensing activities.
DTC Eligibility	The notes will be issued in fully registered book-entry form and will be represented by permanent global notes without coupons. Global notes will be deposited with a custodian for and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, in New York, New York. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through DTC and its direct or indirect participants as described in the accompanying prospectus under Global Securities Book-Entry; Delivery and Form.
Form and Denomination	The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000.
Trading	The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or included in any automated quotation system. The notes will be new securities for which there is currently no public market.
Risk Factors	See Risk Factors, and other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in the notes.
Further Issues	We may, without notice to or the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the notes, create and issue additional notes and/or notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of that series. Any additional debt securities having such similar terms, together with that series of notes, could be considered part of the same series of notes under the indenture.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Prospective investors should carefully consider the following risk factors and the risk factors and assumptions related to our business identified or described in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Current Report on Form 8-K and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before acquiring any of the notes. The occurrence of any one or more of the following could materially adversely affect your investment in the notes or our business and operating results.*

**Risks Relating to the Notes**

*The notes are structurally subordinated. This may affect your ability to receive payments on the notes.*

The notes are obligations exclusively of Amgen. We currently conduct a significant portion of our operations through our subsidiaries and our subsidiaries have significant liabilities. In addition, we may, and in some cases we have plans to, conduct additional operations through our subsidiaries in the future and, accordingly, our subsidiaries' liabilities will increase. Our cash flow and our ability to service our debt, including the notes, therefore partially depends upon the earnings of our subsidiaries, and we depend on the distribution of earnings, loans or other payments by those subsidiaries to us.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or, subject to existing or future contractual obligations between us and our subsidiaries, to provide us with funds for our payment obligations, whether by dividends, distributions, loans or other payments. In addition, any payment of dividends, distributions, loans or advances by our subsidiaries to us could be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions and taxes on distributions. Payments to us by our subsidiaries will also be contingent upon our subsidiaries' earnings and business considerations.

Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon liquidation or reorganization, and, as a result, the right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors and preferred stockholders, if any. The notes do not restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional liabilities. In addition, even if we were a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor would be subordinate to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries senior to indebtedness held by us.

*An active trading market for the notes may not develop.*

The notes are new issues of securities for which there is currently no public market, and no active trading market might ever develop. If the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our performance and other factors. To the extent that an active trading market does not develop, the liquidity and trading prices for the notes may be harmed.

We have no plans to list the notes on a securities exchange. We have been advised by underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the notes. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so. Any market-making activity, if initiated, may be discontinued at any time, for any reason or for no reason, without notice. If the underwriters cease to act as the market makers for the notes, we cannot assure you another firm or person will make a market in the notes.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend upon the number of holders of the notes, our results of operations and financial condition, the market for similar securities, the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes and other factors. An active or liquid trading market for the notes may not develop.

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*The limited covenants in the indenture for the notes and the terms of the notes do not provide protection against some types of important corporate events and may not protect your investment.*

The indenture for the notes does not:

require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity and, accordingly, does not protect holders of the notes in the event that we experience significant adverse changes in our financial condition or results of operations;

limit our subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness, which could effectively rank senior to the notes;

limit our ability to incur substantial secured indebtedness that would effectively rank senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness;

limit our ability to incur indebtedness that is equal in right of payment to the notes;

restrict our subsidiaries' ability to issue securities or otherwise incur indebtedness that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries;

restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay our securities; or

restrict our ability to make investments or to repurchase or pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our common stock or other securities ranking junior to the notes.

Furthermore, the indenture for the notes contains only limited protections in the event of a change in control. We could engage in many types of transactions, such as certain acquisitions, refinancings or recapitalizations that could substantially affect our capital structure and the value of the notes. For these reasons, you should not consider the covenants in the indenture as a significant factor in evaluating whether to invest in the notes. In addition, we are subject to periodic review by independent credit rating agencies. An increase in the level of our outstanding indebtedness, or other events that could have an adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations, may cause the rating agencies to downgrade, place on negative watch or change their outlook on our debt credit rating generally, and the ratings on the notes, which could adversely impact the trading prices for, or the liquidity of, the notes. Any such downgrade, placement on negative watch or change in outlook could also adversely affect our cost of borrowing, limit our access to the capital markets or result in more restrictive covenants in future debt agreements.

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We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ after deducting discounts, commissions and our estimated expenses related to this offering.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements and repayment of our outstanding indebtedness, repurchases of shares of our common stock under our previously announced share repurchase program, and other business initiatives, including acquisitions and licensing activities.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	8.9x	8.9x	7.5x	10.1x	22.4x

Effective January 1, 2009, we adopted a new accounting standard that changed the method of accounting for convertible debt that may be partially or wholly settled in cash. As required by this new standard, we retrospectively applied this change in accounting to all prior periods for which we had applicable outstanding convertible debt, which includes all periods presented in the table above. Under this method of accounting, the debt and equity components of our convertible notes are bifurcated and accounted for separately, resulting in a reduction in the carrying values of our convertible notes as of the date of issuance or modification, as applicable. The reduced carrying values of our convertible notes are being accreted back to their principal amounts through the recognition of non-cash interest expense. This results in recognizing interest expense on these borrowings at effective rates approximating what we would have incurred had we issued nonconvertible debt with otherwise similar terms.

These computations include Amgen and its consolidated subsidiaries. For these ratios, earnings is computed by adding income before income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest), excluding our share of income/losses in equity method affiliates and including distributions from our affiliate, Kirin Amgen. Fixed charges consist of (i) interest expense, which includes amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, (ii) capitalized interest and (iii) a reasonable approximation of the interest factor deemed to be included in rental expense. Fixed charges exclude any interest related to unrecognized tax benefits, which is included in the provision for income taxes in our Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2005, fixed charges also exclude the write-off of deferred financing and related costs resulting from the repayment of certain of our convertible debt.

For the periods indicated above, we have no outstanding shares of preferred stock with required dividend payments. Therefore, the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends are identical to the ratios presented in the tables above.

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The following table sets forth our unaudited consolidated cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and capitalization as of December 31, 2009. The table is presented:

on an actual basis; and

as adjusted to reflect the proceeds to us and the use thereof from the sale of the notes pursuant to this offering.

	As of December 31, 2009	
	Actual (unaudited)	As Adjusted (unaudited)
	(in millions)	
<b>Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities</b>	\$ 13,442	\$
<b>Long-term debt:</b>		
Convertible senior notes due 2011	2,342	2,342
Convertible senior notes due 2013	2,088	2,088
Senior notes due 2014	1,000	1,000
Senior notes due 2017	1,099	1,099
Senior notes due 2018	499	499
Senior notes due 2019	998	998
Senior notes due 2020 offered hereby		
Zero coupon convertible notes due 2032	82	82
Senior notes due 2037	899	899
Senior notes due 2038	499	499
Senior notes due 2039	995	995
Senior notes due 2040 offered hereby		
8.125% Senior notes due 2097 (Other)	100	100
<b>Total debt</b>	10,601	
<b>Stockholders equity:</b>		
Preferred stock		
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	26,944	26,944
Accumulated deficit	(4,322)	(4,322)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	45	45
Total stockholders equity	22,667	22,667
<b>Total capitalization</b>	\$ 33,268	\$

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**DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

The following discussion of the terms of the notes (as defined below) supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities contained in the accompanying prospectus and identifies any general terms and provisions described in the accompanying prospectus that will not apply to the notes. To the extent this summary differs from the summary in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the description of notes in this prospectus supplement.

We will issue the % Senior Notes due 2020 (the 2020 notes ) and the % Senior Notes due 2040 (the 2040 notes, together with the 2020 notes, the notes ) under an indenture, dated as of August 4, 2003 (the indenture ), between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as trustee (the trustee ), and an officers certificate to be dated as of March , 2010. The 2020 notes and 2040 notes will each be a separate series of notes under the indenture. We may issue additional notes under the indenture.

The following summary of certain provisions of the indenture, the officers certificate and the notes does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture, the officers certificate and the notes, including the definitions therein of certain terms. Because the following is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you may find useful in evaluating an investment in the notes. We urge you to read the indenture, officers certificate and the notes because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the notes. You may obtain a copy of the indenture and the officers certificate (which includes forms of the notes) from us upon request, as set forth under Where You Can Find Additional Information.

As used in this discussion under the heading Description of Notes, unless otherwise specified, the terms Amgen we, our, and us refer solely Amgen Inc. and not its subsidiaries.

**General**

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness, whether currently existing or hereafter created;

The 2020 notes and the 2040 notes will initially be issued in aggregate principal amounts of \$ and \$ , respectively;

The 2020 notes will mature on , 2020 and the 2040 notes will mature on , 2040; and

The 2020 notes will pay interest at the rate of % per annum and the 2040 notes will pay interest at the rate of % per annum, which, in each case, shall be payable semi-annually in arrears on each and , beginning , 2010, and will initially accrue from the date of issuance and thereafter from the last date to which interest has been paid.

We may, without notice to or the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the notes, create and issue additional notes and/or notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of that series. Any additional debt securities having such similar terms, together with that series of notes, could be considered part of the same series of notes under the indenture.

The notes are redeemable prior to maturity as described below under the heading Optional Redemption. The notes do not have the benefit of a sinking fund. The notes will be issued only in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000. Each series of notes will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which we refer to as DTC. See Global Securities Book-Entry; Delivery and Form in the accompanying prospectus.

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Payments on the notes will be made through the paying agent, which will initially be the trustee, to DTC. Payments on the notes will be made in U.S. dollars at the office or agency maintained by us in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York (or, if we fail to maintain such office or agency, at the corporate trust office of the trustee in New York, New York or if the trustee does not maintain an office in New York, at the office of a paying agent in New York). At our option, however, if certificated notes (as defined below) are issued, we may make payments by check mailed to the holder's registered address or by wire transfer to the account designated in writing to the trustee. You may present the notes for registration of transfer and exchange, without service charge (but we may require a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in connection with such transfer or exchange), at the office or agency maintained by us in New York, New York (or, if we fail to maintain such office or agency, at the corporate trust office of the trustee in New York, New York or if the trustee does not maintain an office in New York, at the office of a paying agent in New York). The transfer of certificated notes will be registrable, and notes will be exchangeable for notes of other denominations of an equal aggregate principal amount, at such office or agency.

**Interest**

The 2020 notes will accrue interest at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum, and the 2040 notes will accrue interest at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The notes will accrue interest on their stated principal amount from \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, or, in each case, from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Accrued and unpaid interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010. In each case, interest will be paid to the holder in whose name a note is registered at the close of business on the day that is 15 days prior to the relevant interest payment date, whether or not such day is a Business Day.

The amount of interest payable for any full semi-annual interest period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The amount of interest payable for any period shorter than a full semi-annual interest period for which interest is computed, will be computed on the basis of 30-day months and, for periods of less than a month, the actual number of days elapsed per 30-day month. If any date on which interest, principal or premium is payable on the notes is not a Business Day, then payment of such amounts payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) with the same force and effect as if made on such interest payment date or maturity date, as the case may be.

Any amounts payable on any notes that are not punctually paid on any payment date will cease to be payable to the person in whose name such notes are registered on the relevant record date, and such defaulted payment will instead be payable to the person in whose name such notes are registered on the special record date or other specified date determined in accordance with the indenture.

**Ranking**

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of Amgen. The notes will rank:

equal in right of payment to all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our senior credit facility, our 0.125% Convertible Senior Notes due 2011, our 0.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2013, our 4.85% Senior Notes due 2014, our 5.85% Senior Notes due 2017, our 6.15% Senior Notes due 2018, our 5.70% Senior Notes due 2019, our Zero Coupon Convertible Notes due 2032, our 6.375% Senior Notes due 2037, our 6.90% Senior Notes due 2038, our 6.40% Senior Notes due 2039 and our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2097;

senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated indebtedness; and

effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our subsidiaries' obligations (including secured and unsecured obligations) and subordinated in right of payment to our secured obligations, to the extent of the assets securing such obligations.

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The notes and the indenture do not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness. We may incur substantial additional amounts of indebtedness in the future.

### **Optional Redemption**

The notes may be redeemed prior to maturity at our option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price equal to the sum of (1) 100% of the principal amount of any notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date, and (2) the Make-Whole Amount (as defined below), if any.

If less than all the notes of a series are to be redeemed, the trustee shall select the notes of that series to be redeemed pro rata. The trustee shall make the selection from the outstanding notes of that series not previously called for redemption. The trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal of the notes of that series that have denominations larger than \$2,000. Notes of that series and portions of them that the trustee selects shall be in amounts of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000. Provisions of the indenture that apply to notes called for redemption also apply to portions of those notes called for redemption.

If we give notice as provided in the indenture and funds for the redemption of any notes called for redemption sufficient to pay the redemption price have been deposited with the paying agent on or before 10:00 a.m., New York time, on the redemption date, such notes will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for redemption. Thereafter, the only right of the holders of such notes will be to receive payment of the redemption price.

Upon surrender of a note that is redeemed in part, we shall execute and the trustee shall authenticate for the holder a new note of the same series and the same maturity equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the note surrendered.

We will give notice of any optional redemption to the registered holders of notes at least 30 but not more than 60 days before a redemption date. The notice shall identify the notes to be redeemed and shall state:

the redemption date;

the redemption price;

the name and address of the paying agent;

that the notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the paying agent to collect the redemption price;

that interest on the notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date; and

the CUSIP number of the notes.

At our request, the trustee shall give the notice of redemption in our name and at our expense.

### **Change of Control Offer**

If a change of control triggering event occurs, unless we have exercised our option to redeem the notes as described above, we will be required to make an offer (the "change of control offer") to each holder of the notes to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's notes on the terms set forth in such notes. In the change of control offer, we will be required to offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the notes repurchased to the date of repurchase (the "change of control payment"). Within 30 days following any change of control triggering event, a notice will be provided to holders of the notes describing the transaction that constitutes the change of control triggering event and offering to



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repurchase the notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such

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notice is provided (the change of control payment date ); provided, however, that in no event will the change of control payment date occur prior to the date 90 days following the first issue date of the notes.

On the change of control payment date, we will, to the extent lawful:

accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the change of control offer;

deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the change of control payment in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and

deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions of notes being repurchased.

We will not repurchase any notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the change of control payment date an event of default under the indenture, other than a default in the payment of the change of control payment upon a change of control triggering event.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a change of control triggering event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the change of control offer provisions of the notes, we will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the change of control offer provisions of the notes by virtue of any such conflict.

For purposes of the change of control offer provisions of the notes, the following terms will be applicable:

*Beneficial owner* shall be determined in accordance with Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act or any successor provisions, except that a person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all shares that person has the right to acquire irrespective of whether that right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time.

*Change of control* means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person or group (other than our company or one of our subsidiaries) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our voting stock or other voting stock into which our voting stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; provided, however, that a person shall not be deemed beneficial owner of, or to own beneficially, (A) any securities tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made by or on behalf of such person or any of such person s affiliates until such tendered securities are accepted for purchase or exchange thereunder, or (B) any securities if such beneficial ownership (i) arises solely as a result of a revocable proxy delivered in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, and (ii) is not also then reportable on Schedule 13D (or any successor schedule) under the Exchange Act; (2) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to one or more persons or groups (other than our company or one of our subsidiaries), provided that none of the circumstances in this clause (2) will be a change of control if the persons that beneficially own our voting stock immediately prior to the transaction own, directly or indirectly, shares with a majority of the total voting power of all outstanding voting securities of the surviving or transferee person that are entitled to vote generally in the election of that person s board of directors, managers or trustees immediately after the transaction; (3) we consolidate with, or merge with or into any person, or any person consolidates with, or merges with or into, us, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of our outstanding voting stock or the voting stock of such

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other person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than such transaction where the shares of our voting stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the voting stock of the surviving person or any direct or indirect parent company of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction; (4) the first day on which a